

VOORHIS APPEARS TO FIGHT REMOVAL

Governor's Commissioner Hears
Charges Against Venerable
Election Superintendent.

MALICE, SAYS HIS LAWYER

Defence Declares Honest Ballot
Crusade Is Directed Against
One Man.

John B. Voorhis, one of the three State superintendents of elections and grand sachem of the Society of Tammany, appeared yesterday before John D. McMahon, Gov. Glynn's commissioner, for a hearing on a motion to dismiss the charges that he had run his office as a political machine for Tammany, had failed to investigate and prevent the detection of fraud and should be removed on the ground of inefficiency. Mr. Voorhis is 84 years old.

The accusations were laid before the Governor in January by the Honest Ballot Association, of which Dr. Talcott Williams is president, and by the Citizens Union. Yesterday's hearing took place at the Bar Association rooms. Leslie J. Tompkins appeared for Mr. Voorhis and Samuel H. Ordway for the Honest Ballot Association.

Mr. Tompkins contended that the form of the charges was defective, in that only Supt. Voorhis is accused, although he is merely one member of a board of three superintendents, all equally responsible for the acts of the board.

"They've been gunning for Mr. Voorhis," said Mr. Tompkins. "I don't know why, but they were out for him."

One of the charges is that Mr. Voorhis appointed unfit deputies, Tammany election captains, and assigned them to their home districts, where they were especially interested in the result of elections. Mr. Tompkins said that the board was required by law to appoint deputies nominated by the dominant political parties. Therefore when Mr. Voorhis selected district captains it was merely because he had to do so.

Mr. Ordway argued that Mr. Voorhis was alone responsible for his appointments and he said that the appointment of unfit subordinates had been held to be maladministration. As to Mr. Voorhis's responsibility for the actions of the board, Mr. Ordway pointed out that Louis Haffen, as president of Bronx Borough, was on trial for his part of the Haffen Point land scandal. Gov. Hughes held him personally responsible, although he was a member of the Board of Estimate, which made appropriation for the land on Haffen's recommendation.

HAS JAGUAR FOR PRESS CLUB.

Receives Ship Captain Remembers
New York Friends.

Capt. Aspinall of the Booth liner Gregory, in yesterday from South America, brought a jaguar for the New York Press Club, which gave him and his officers a dinner for rescuing men of the tanker Oklahoma off the Jersey coast in wild winter weather.

The captain also has a monkey, which he says is for John A. Hennessy, the jaguar and the monkey which he acquired a habit of going close to the big cat's cage, are not on friendly terms, and the monkey was twice rescued from the cat's clutches.

Rescuing seems to be a specialty with the men of the Gregory. While at Iquitos last month three women in a canoe were capsized near the Gregory and a lifeboat in charge of Chief Officer Robinson was lowered and the women were rescued. The other was saved by a passing canoe.

SUICIDE WAS HARVARD STUDENT

Wide Search for Young Man Ends
In Potter's Field.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—The body of a young man who committed suicide April 2 in a hotel here by shooting himself was identified in Potter's field today as Thomas B. Prescott, by J. F. Prescott, who is known resident of South Weymouth, Mass., father of the young man.

Mr. Prescott told the Coroner to-night that his son was a student at Harvard and that he gave up his studies in the latter part of March. Shortly afterward, Mr. Prescott said, he disappeared and a wide search was made for him. At the time he left college he was melancholy.

On April 1 Prescott engaged a room in the hotel and registered as John H. Snow, New York. When a chambermaid tried to enter the room the next morning the suicide was discovered.

AUTO STRIKES MOTHER AND SON.

Each One Feeble, One Partly Blind,
Tries to Save the Other.

As Mrs. Alice Townsend, 80 years old, and her son George, 49 years old, of 15 East Fifty-fourth street, were returning home from a concert for the blind at Acadia Hall last night they were struck by an automobile at Fifth avenue and Forty-third street.

The mother is very feeble and the son is partly blind. Each tried to help the other get out of the machine's path and Dr. Jacob Shapiro of 420 Sterling place, Brooklyn, who was driving, did his best to avoid running them down. The machine was moving slowly as the pair, clinging to each other, crumpled up in a heap.

Dr. Shapiro put them in his car and started for the Polyclinic Hospital. In Seventh avenue he met an ambulance on its way to the scene of the accident and transferred them to it.

Mrs. Townsend has a possible fracture of the skull and internal injuries. Her condition is serious. Her son was badly bruised about the head and body.

DURYEA STRAPPED TO COT.

Violence of Son Who Killed Father
Prevents Visit of Alienists.

Chester R. Duryea, who has been in the psychiatric hospital at Bellevue Hospital since last Tuesday when he shot and killed his father, Gen. Hiram Duryea, became violent late yesterday afternoon and had to be strapped to his cot. He was still raving last night.

His condition caused some apprehension among the physicians who have been watching him, among them Dr. Gregory and Dr. Voshburgh, and orders were issued barring visitors. Two alienists had expected to make an examination yesterday, but Dr. Gregory would not admit them.

J. B. A. MULLALLY IN BELLEVUE.

Former Assembly Candidate's Sanity
Will Be Tested.

John B. Adger Mullally, once active in Democratic politics in the Fifth Assembly district in this city, was sent to the psychiatric ward in Bellevue by Magistrate Campbell in the Tombs police court yesterday for observation as to his sanity.

Mullally, who now lives in Bayonne, N. J., was arrested by the Federal authorities on a charge of sending threatening letters to his two brothers and sister.

TENT WHERE PRESIDENT CARRIES ON HIS WORK



WASHINGTON, May 8.—President Wilson is now conducting the chief business of the nation in a commodious tent that has been set up on the White House lawn.

PROHIBITION MEASURE DOOMED IN THE HOUSE

A Vote Will Be Forced Soon
and Democratic Leaders
Will Not Object.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—A vote in the House at this session on the proposed amendment providing for national prohibition of the liquor traffic is assured. The old policy of evasion of this issue in Congress was abandoned on the advice of Representative Underwood, the Democratic leader.

It has been agreed by the House leaders that the prohibition amendment reported by the Judiciary Committee early this week shall be brought up for a vote in the near future. The news has filled with terror members who were hopeful that this proposal would be put over until the December session.

It will be decided within the next day or so whether or not the prohibition amendment will be considered as a part of the legislative programme that is to be framed at the Democratic caucus to be held next Tuesday.

A resolution will be offered at the caucus fixing a time for a vote on the prohibition amendment and will not be opposed by the leaders. The leaders have counted noses and are convinced that whatever the action of the caucus the prohibition amendment is doomed.

The advocates of prohibition formerly declared that they would tolerate no further delay in a vote on this question. Now they are asking that action be deferred until December. In a statement made public a day or so ago Representative Underwood, the leader of the temperance forces in Congress, urged that a vote on the prohibition amendment be put over until next winter. By that time, he argued, the people would be fully advised on the question.

The opponents of the amendment throughout the country have been busy this week. They are bombarding members with telegrams of protest and it already is apparent that whatever be the decision of the House prohibition will be made an issue in the coming campaign.

WILSON ASKS HOUSE CAUCUS.

Legislative Programme for Session
To Be Framed on Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—A call for a caucus of the House Democrats to be held Tuesday night will be issued tomorrow. The caucus is to be assembled at the request of President Wilson to frame a legislative programme for the session.

If present plans are carried out the programme will be made up of the three or four bills, the bill proposing the establishment of a system of rural credits and the annual supply budgets. It is the hope of the Administration that the bill named in the programme will be passed by the Senate by the end of the session.

Administration officials are hopeful that Congress will be ready to quit on or about July 1. The leaders in Congress are of the opinion that if the President insists on the enactment of the programme above outlined that the session will be projected far into the fall.

HUFF CUT 3 NAVAL NUMBERS.

Daniels Merciful to Inspector Who
Punished His Wife's Admirer.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Lieutenant-Commander Charles P. Huff, United States navy, recently tried by court-martial for knocking down a civilian connected with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company whose attentions to Mrs. Huff annoyed him, was reduced three numbers in grade today. The findings recommended a reduction of five numbers, but Secretary Daniels amended the sentence.

At the time of the trouble, which occurred in Newport News, Va., it was alleged that there was a connection between Huff's assault and the efficient performance of his duties as inspector of ordnance. Secretary Daniels to-night issued a statement denying this report.

RULE ON LEISHMAN BANKERS.

Pittsburgh Judge Favors New York
Firm on \$74,853 Judgment.

PITTSBURGH, May 8.—A rule was granted on the Union Trust Company by Judge Frazer today to show cause why the contents of a safe deposit box should not be sold by the sheriff to go toward the satisfaction of a judgment of \$74,853 in favor of Raymond Pynchon & Co., brokers of London, Paris and New York and against John G. A. Leishman, former United States Ambassador to Germany.

A similar rule was granted on the Mellon National Bank regarding a tin box supposed to contain property of Mr. Leishman, together with 200 shares of stock of the St. Lawrence Power Company of Massena, N. Y.

CALL FOR T. R. FOR PRESIDENT.

Missouri Progressives Want Him to
Lead Party in 1916.

KANSAS CITY, May 8.—Theodore Roosevelt was called upon by the Missouri Progressives today to lead the party as a candidate for President in 1916. The state committee at a meeting here adopted the following resolution:

"We congratulate our great leader, Theodore Roosevelt, upon his safe return from his remarkable trip of scientific and geographical exploration in South America, and the Progressive party of Missouri calls upon him again to lead us in the national campaign in 1916. We are for Roosevelt for President."

The committee also opposed fusion with Republicans.

MOTHERS DAY IS TO BE NATIONALLY OBSERVED

Senate Concurs in Resolution,
Passed by House, for
the Celebration.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Mothers' Day, the second Sunday in May, will hereafter be annually observed and the President is directed to see that the day is marked as such throughout the United States by the raising of flags on all Government buildings and by public proclamation calling on all civilians to display flags.

The joint resolution providing for the observation of Mothers' Day as a national holiday was called up in the Senate this afternoon by Senator Sheppard of Texas and passed. It had already passed the House.

Several years ago Senator Burdett of Kansas tried to get favorable action on a resolution to recognize Mothers' Day as a national holiday and was laughed out of the senate. Many speeches were made ridiculing the suggestion and ironically suggesting that "Fathers' Day" and "Mothers-in-law Day" were equally in order.

Had Mr. Burdett been in the Senate today he would have had the pleasure of seeing his resolution in substance pass without opposition or any of the withering comment that met it when he proposed it. The resolution as passed is as follows:

"Resolved, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the Government officials to display the United States flag on all Government buildings and the people of the United States to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places on the second Sunday in May as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country; and be it further

"Resolved, That the second Sunday in May shall hereafter be designated and known as Mothers' Day and it shall be the duty of the President to require its observance as provided for in this resolution."

CAPT. HAGGIN NOT MISSING.

Dines With Col. Wadsworth After
Sickles Funeral.

A report was current last night that Capt. James Ben Ali Haggin of the Twelfth Regiment National Guard, New York, came from the Blythebrook sanitarium at Greenwich, Conn., yesterday in charge of an attendant to attend the funeral of Gen. Sickles and got away from his keeper. It was said that a search was being made for him. The captain is an artist.

Col. Clarence S. Wadsworth of the Twelfth Regiment, said last night that he believed somebody was trying to have some fun at the captain's expense.

"Capt. Haggin dined with me last evening," he said, "and left my house for the army. He wore his uniform. He has been in exceedingly good health lately and has been attending strictly to his duties. Personally, I do not believe he was in any sanitarium. I consider him in good shape."

Capt. Haggin separated from his wife last fall. The report that he had entered the sanitarium was published early in April.

FIFTY FRESHMEN DUCKED.

Chancellor Prevents Unlabeled Battle at
N. Y. University Ceremonies.

Fifty freshmen members of the football squad of New York University received their spring ducking last night in the fountain below the Hall of Fame. Chancellor Brown, President Lynch of the student organization and the university's police force, John the Con, were the invited guests. The freshmen, led by a band, walked to the fountain singing "We are fresh, we like water." Each man wore white palmans.

Last year there was a fight after the water ceremony and Chancellor Brown was present at yesterday's ducking as a dove of peace. As each man received his ducking at the hands of two sophomores he hurried off to the dormitory and changed to warm clothes. It was the most peaceful ducking in years.

ORDEAL FOR FRANK'S WITNESS.

Annie M. Carter to Be Examined
About Conley "Confession."

ATLANTA, Ga., May 8.—Solicitor Dorsey will take another step in the Frank case to-morrow morning, when he will bring Annie Maud Carter before Judge Ben Hill for a rigid examination in reference to her testimony to the effect that Jim Conley confessed to her that he killed Mary Phagan.

Mr. Dorsey will demand a complete explanation of her evidence and will insist upon learning the source of the letters purporting to have been sent by Conley. Conley denies the woman's story.

Solicitor Dorsey has asked Judge Hill to grant a continuance into next week on the motion to upset the verdict of guilty in the Frank case on constitutional grounds. The Solicitor will not be able to prepare his argument by to-morrow morning, which was the time set for the hearing.

U. S. SUPREME COURT GETS THE THAW CASE

Judge Aldrich at Concord, N.
H., Grants the Petition
of New York State.

CONCORD, N. H., May 8.—The Thaw case went to the Supreme Court of the United States this afternoon on the appeal of the State of New York from the decision of Judge Edgar Aldrich of the United States Court for the District of New Hampshire, granting the writ of habeas corpus asked by Thaw's counsel, but staying its execution to permit New York to protect its rights by entering an appeal if it desired.

The proceedings incident to the granting of the appeal were held in chambers before Judge Aldrich at 3 o'clock. William Travers Jerome and Franklin Kennedy came from New York on the forenoon train and joined Bernard Jacobs of Lancaster, their New Hampshire representative, in the presentation of the appeal to Judge Aldrich.

Thaw was represented by Merrill Shurtliff of Lancaster and by Judge William M. Chase. Mr. Shurtliff said that no move would be made by Thaw for bail at this time, but that the matter would be taken up later with some Justice of the United States Supreme Court, probably Justice Holmes.

As a preliminary to the appeal Judge Aldrich formally entered his decision and signed the order discharging Thaw from custody. The petition of the State of New York for an appeal was then presented by Mr. Jerome and allowed by the court.

With the petition was presented the bond of the State of New York in \$500 to cover all costs. Custody of Thaw was given to Sheriff Holman A. Drew, with authority to employ such assistants as may be necessary.

LONGS FOR G. O. P. RULE.

Guthrie Tells Depew Dinner Country
Needs Patriotism and Courage.

Whether or not Chauncey M. Depew, whose eightieth birthday was celebrated by the Union League club with a dinner at the clubhouse in Fifth avenue last night, believes the present Democratic Administration is "honest and competent," as Mr. Guthrie said, would be in power the well known corporation lawyer, seems to have his doubts in the matter.

Mr. Guthrie, fourth speaker of the evening, expressed the hope that a reunited Republican party soon would be in power at Washington and at Albany, to restore "again the competent and honest administration," which Mr. Guthrie seemed to think is needed by the country.

"Many very much mistake the symptoms of the times," said Mr. Guthrie after a glowing account of Mr. Depew's services to the Republican party. "It is not so much in need of the dastardly patriotism, the indomitable courage and the unselfish devotion which preeminently characterized the Republicans among whom I am a guest as a leader. May their example inspire us."

Senator Elihu Root was to have spoken, but was detained at Washington. Joseph H. Choate, also down for a speech, could not be present because his doctor thought it best for Mr. Choate to stay in doors last night.

Besides Senator Depew Samuel W. Fairchild, president of the club and toastmaster, and Mr. Guthrie, the others who told Senator Depew fine things about himself right to his face were Gen. Horace Porter, George B. Sheldon, J. Van Vleeten Elliott, Gen. Benjamin F. French, Gen. Nelson A. Miles and George T. Wilson. Among the 225 diners were some of the best known men in the city.

GETS \$75,000 VERDICT.

New Haven Workman Awarded
Damages for Injuries.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 8.—A verdict of \$75,000 was returned against the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company in the Supreme Court this morning before Justice Morschauser in a suit for \$125,000.

Oscar Fried of Yonkers, the plaintiff, was working on a "strut" of the overhead electrical feed on December 8, 1913, when he came in contact with an uninsulated wire. He received 11,000 volts. His arms were burned off and his knees were badly burned.

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WANT ROCKEFELER ON STAND IN DENVER

Legislators Take Up Measure to
Get at "High and Low"
Strike Leaders.

AMMONS WINS VICTORIES

Will Close Saloons in Fight
Zone—Request That Wilson
Be Arbitrator.

DENVER, May 8.—The House of Representatives considered a resolution today which goes entirely beyond the Governor's call for the special session and which, it is believed, is designed to force John D. Rockefeller and others high in the coal companies to come to this State to testify.

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